

## **Revelation 14 – The Faithful Lamb**

After several visions of the conflict between God and the forces of evil (a conflict in which the saints on earth are involved), we are relieved by visions of an entirely different order. The perspective changes suddenly, and from the pain and agony of the suffering on earth we are lifted up to the other world, where the triumphant followers of the Lamb celebrate their victory. The visions of chapter 14 are designed to strengthen believers for the coming climax and consummation of this age.

### **Warm Up Question(s)** – Choose one

- Ever harvest anything? How hard did you work? Did you enjoy it? Why or why not?
- What is your favourite kind of music? Favourite instrument? Favourite praise or worship song?

### **Discovering the Word**

- 1) **Read Revelation 14.** Given the chaos described in chapters 12-13, what comfort do you find in the this opening scene (vv.1-5)?
- 2) Where is the Lamb and who is with him? What marks off the Lamb and his followers? Where do the people follow him and why?
- 3) In verses 6-7, what is the essence of the “eternal gospel” proclaimed by the angel? How does this compare or contrast with the “gospel” summary in other parts of the Bible (e.g. Jn. 3<sup>16</sup>; Rom. 5<sup>8</sup>; 1 Tim. 1<sup>15</sup>)? What have you ever done to help proclaim the Gospel to every nation, tribe, language and people?
- 4) What message does the second angel proclaim (v.8)? Who is the fallen Babylon and what is the reason for her fall?
- 5) What message does the third angel proclaim (vv. 9-11)? Does the punishment fit the crime? Why or why not?
- 6) Who are the blessed ones and what is their blessing? What would you like to be doing when God calls you home?
- 7) Who does the figure “like a son of man” represent (v. 14; cf. Dan. 7<sup>13-14</sup>; Mk. 14<sup>62</sup>; Mt. 26<sup>64</sup>; Mk. 4<sup>29</sup>)?
- 8) There is a difference of opinion about the harvest (vv.14-20) being a salvation harvest or a judgment harvest or both. Which group or groups of people are in the harvest and what is the point of the country wide blood image?
- 9) How ripe do you think the world is now? Do you think that the end of the world is close at hand? Why or why not?